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Hongkong, September 2, 1880.

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ther he was to design houses for the Assistant Masters upon the School grounds themselves, as recommended in the last paragraph of Mr Stewart's letter. The enclosed correspondence, which would be laid on the table, consisted simply of a letter addressed by Mr Price to Dr Stewart, asking what number of pupils the school should be designed for, and the reply. Now, 500 pupils was the number mentioned by Sir Arthur Kennedy, and approved by the Government, a number for which the Surveyor-General had from time to time allowed a piece of ground which had been secured would be sufficient. Seeing it had raised to 700 he had to consider how far that increase would interfere with his minute that the plans and estimates should be prepared at once as he had previously ordered. Having carefully considered the matter he wrote, May 9th, a minute, which was as follows:—

"No doubt, to provide accommodation for 700 instead of 500, and to build houses for the Assistant Masters will not diminish the cost of the new School, but as I am anxious to meet Mr Stewart's views [all arrangements relating to the Central School, let the Plans and Estimates be prepared in accordance with his wishes]."

This was signed by Mr Weddington on May 9th by the Surveyor-General for his guidance. It was by the Surveyor-General that the Governor left the Colony on the 31st May for Japan. Nine days after he left, the Surveyor-General proposed to the Administrator, Mr Marsh, to reverse his decision. He made no remark on the course Mr Marsh took except this, that he had done what he did what he conceived to be his duty. Although he (the Governor) had twice directed the plans and estimate to be prepared before leaving for Japan—in one minute saying, "Let them be prepared at once"; nevertheless when in the month of June during his absence, an application was made by the Surveyor-General to Mr Marsh to postpone the separation of the Central School and the Gaol on the separate system, Mr Marsh, it is proved, made the following very sensible memo-

"Speaking of the Central School, as the Plans would go home for approval, it will, on this proposal, be next spring before anything can be done; and I suppose the same holds good for the others."

His Excellency then read portions of the letter of the Surveyor-General above referred to, remarking that although the Administrator thought fit to reverse his decision, the Surveyor-General stated the case very strongly indeed. The letter began by referring to the extraordinarily heavy press of work under which the Public Works Staff was labouring at the present moment in connexion with the Praya works, which heavy press of work he felt it his duty to mention with reference to any delay that might have lately arisen, or that might yet arise, during this monsoon, in the despatch of public business in his Department, and in explanation of what might appear a want of promptness on his part in attending to the every-day official matters referred to him by Government. The whole of the letter would be laid before them. It concluded by asking the Acting Colonial Secretary to move His Excellency the Administrator to be good enough to approve of his postponing the elaboration of the Central School, Hospital, and Stone-Cutter's Island Gaol project until the expiration of the typhoon season in September next, when, public anxiety being allayed, he might relax the pressure under which the Praya reconstruction was being carried on, and thus be enabled to turn his undivided attention to the other works just enumerated. Mr Marsh approved of Mr Price's proposal and directed that the papers be submitted to the Governor on his return; they were accordingly filed for his information. When he returned to the colony, on the 10th September, one of the first inquiries he made was for the plans and estimates of the Central School and Gaol on the separate system. He then learned from Mr Marsh that he had taken the responsibility, for what he conceived to be very good and sufficient reasons, to alter the Governor's decision, and that those works were postponed. Thereupon he made a minute, Sept. 10, calling for his previous minutes on the subject; and on the 15th Sept., he made a minute that this question raised by Mr Price as to the relative claims of Stone Cutters' Island prison and the Central School upon his Department, should be discussed at the Executive Council that day, when they could have the advantage of hearing his views explained in detail, and ordering all the other papers on the subject to be attended to.

The question so raised by Mr Price was whether the Governor if he had been in his office longer, should not be satisfied with having only one set of plans prepared, either those for the School or those for the Gaol.

In the Executive they heard Mr Price. He now read an extract from the minutes of the Executive Council, which he would lay on the table. The minute set forth in reply to His Excellency the Surveyor-General had then stated that he hoped in a very short time to be ready with the Plans and Estimates for a Gaol at Stone Cutters' Island and for a new Central School. In regard to the latter it was agreed to request the Head Master of the Central School to reduce his estimate of the number of boys for whom the school would be required, as the extent of ground, in the opinion of the Surveyor-General, was too small to accommodate the large number of 700 pupils for which Dr Stewart had reasonably estimated. The Council decided that the plans of both the School and the Gaol should be prepared, as the Surveyor-General said they would be ready in a very short time. This was in Sept. The year 1879 passed, and it was only in the month of June or July of this year that the plans of the Central School were put before him by the Surveyor-General, and in the month of July the plans of the Gaol on the separate system. The moment the Central School plans were put into his hands in this room he called upon Dr Stewart, to come with him, and also the Inspector of Schools and the Surveyor-General, and they proceeded instantly to consider this question, which had been brought up again, after some months. Sir Michael Hicks Beach had said, March 1879, that the lower fee of the Central School should be raised from 50 cents to \$1. He desired to act in accordance with Dr Stewart's wishes. Dr Stewart advised him not to fix the higher fee till 1st January, 1880, and he acted on the Head Master's request. This brought him to consider whether the number of 700 would be decreased by this increased fee. And another question also arose, whether the establishment of five new elementary schools might not draw away the lower classes from the Central School and in that way much reduce the number. When on the occasion of receiving the plans he had the Head master, the Inspector of Schools, and the Surveyor-General, who they had considered a third question, whether the time had come to merge the Central School into a Collegiate Establishment, in view of the fact that the five new elementary schools might be expected to take away a considerable number, especially by giving an English teacher to each. He understood that the number which might be anticipated to be drawn away from the

Central School would not be far short of 40. It was manifest in fact that the time had come to reconsider the position of the Central School. He did not now greatly regret the delay that had taken place, and that the dry-earth system had not been carried into effect, notwithstanding the peremptory orders he had made for its introduction. On this the usual minute the Governor had to write on such subjects was written, and he took steps whereby to have his wishes carried out. Dr O'Brien and Dr Wal, later on, reported that now the dry-earth system was thoroughly carried out in the Gaol. He was bound to say there was not now anywhere a cleaner or better conducted gaol than that under the superintendence of Mr Tonnochy.

But it was not merely in the Gaol that this question arose. There was in this colony what was called the Government Institution to which the Governor went for the benefit of his health during the warm months. He found members of his own household, on taking up their abode there, fell ill; and the illness, in the opinion of competent medical men, was traced to imperfect sewerage. He directed the Surveyor-General to send one of the Inspectors of Nuisances to make a report, not only on his own house, but on every house at the Peak. That report he would have put in.

With regard to this subject, His Excellency said he would lay before the Council certain correspondence which would show them how that matter stood. They would remember that a deputation waited on him some time ago on this subject. He specifically sent to Her Majesty's Government the observations made by the members of that deputation and certain reports he had obtained. He would lay before them a copy of the dispatch he addressed in September, 1879, to the Secretary of State, copies of various minutes addressed to the Superintendent of the Fire Brigade, the report of the Surveyor-General on his own behalf, a subsequent dispatch addressed by him in October, 1879, to the Secretary of State; with a report by Messrs Price, Kyrie, and Creagh, to whom the matter was referred, and the dispatch of the Secretary of State of 19th December last upon the subject. From these they would learn the views of the local as well as the Imperial Government on the subject, and they would find from these documents that no time had been lost in this important matter. The remark made by the Surveyor-General when he desired to postpone the Governor's order with regard to the Central School and the Gaol, namely that his Department sustained an extraordinary heavy stress of work owing to the Praya Wall, applied also to this question. The report of the fire brigade, the report of the Surveyor-General stating that they had, as to the construction of this building, come to this conclusion—that "the present empty rooms adjoining the subdivided into lobbies, bath-rooms, closets and slop sinks, of the same construction as those already described, and trapped and ventilated in like manner." The Governor then read from another portion of the report to show what the phrase meant by like manner. This was an elaborate description of Jennings' patent, the property of which set forth on which His Excellency laid most weight being, the partial deflection of the ejection by a plentiful flow of water. Again in dealing with the very serious question of the fever and cholera in the colony, the report went on to state that "the cold and dark places are to be of the same construction as described, trapped and ventilated in like manner," and a description was given of the drains by which the eight-soil, as deodorised by water, was to be conveyed into the sea. The words of the report were—"The sewage of the two hospitals will be conveyed to the sea, a distance of two hundred and fifty yards, from the corner of Hospital-road and Western street in a new 15-inch circular stoneware drain." When this report came before him, the first remark that occurred to him was that his opposition to this mixing water with night-soil had been overlooked, that night-soil had been prepared; in short, steps had been taken for local purposes. The Admiral would not carry her away from us. And if it was necessary for us to have one or two more ships of the same class as might have them, he believed they might be efficiently employed for this defence of Hongkong. Nothing since he had come, under the instructions of Her Majesty's Government, certain steps had been taken. Now, Her Majesty's Government had informed him that the Colony would be expected to pay a proportion of the cost of the work undertaken for this defence. We had in the Harbour at this moment? a most inefficient transport ship, the *Wizir*; that ship's here for local purposes. The Admiral would not carry her away from us. 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NEWS IN ADVANCE OF THE FRENCH MAIL.

Through the courtesy of Captain Gason of the *Glenar*, we have English files and Indian news via Singapore to hand-to-day, in advance of the French mail:

(*London & China Express*, Aug. 5.)

The *Eagle*, 4, d.s., composite gun-vessel, Commander S. H. Wickham, recently returned from China, has passed most creditable inspection at Sheerness—the flag captain being inspecting officer—and afterwards proceeded to Chatham, where she is preparing to pay off on the 7th inst.

The *Hornet*, 4, double screw composite gun-vessel, Commander John S. Eaton, left Malta on the 3rd inst., homeward bound from the China station.

Captain F. T. Blunt, formerly of the 7th Dragoon Guards, has been appointed Chief Civil Commissioner of the Seychelles. Captain Blunt was highly recommended by Sir Arthur Gordon, late in service in the Mauritius, where he rendered valuable aid in the reform of the Coolie system. He was also officially employed in inquiring into the treatment of Indian Coolies in the French colony of Réunion.

It is stated that the Government have decided to promote one of the Governors of the greater colonies, either Sir Arthur Kennedy or Sir Hercules Robinson, to the post of Chief Commissioner at the Cape, vacated by Sir Barth Frere.

The Queen has appointed Mr George William De Veux, C.M.G., to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Bahamas Islands.

Late Mail Advises—Yokohama (via San Francisco) June 18, Shanghai 16, Foochow 18, Hongkong 21. The French mail, with the advanced advice from China and the Straits Settlements, was delivered, via Nagasaki, the 27th ult., three days in advance of its due date. The advice from Japan, via San Francisco, were received on the 26th inst. The next inward, P. and O. mail was despatched from Brindisi at eight A.M. to-day, and will reach London on the 9th inst.

Hongkong, Aug. 3.—The Chinese Ambassador, the Marquis Teeng, on his way to St. Petersburg to settle the Kuldja question, arrived last week at Berlin, accompanied by Lin-Kang-Hou, who holds the office of a privy councillor, the two secretaries, Halliday Macartney and Prosper Giquel, the three attachés, Li-Chio-Nien, Tsoo-Yin-Chin, and Li-Ping-Lin, a surgeon, an interpreter, and a great number of military and civil servants. The Ambassador, who stayed several days at the German metropolis, arrived minutely as much as possible received in the most grand manner by the Chinese Ambassador residing at Berlin, who had ordered as many as two saloons, six sleeping rooms, three dressing rooms, and thirteen servant's rooms, for his countrymen in the splendid hotel Kaiserhof. The main saloon, in which the reception took place in full Chinese style, was splendidly ornamented and decorated with flowers, especially roses, and his Excellency appeared to be very well satisfied as well with his Berlin colleague as with the metropolis itself. The Ambassador has since continued his voyage, and a telegram already reports his safe arrival at the capital on the Nov. 1—On Wednesday last the new ironclad corvette *Baden*, a sister ship to the formidable *Zaccheus*, was launched at Kiel, in the presence of the Crown Prince, who by throwing the usual bottle of champagne against the bow gave the vessel her present name. On the same day the trials with fish-torpedoes took place, on which occasion a Whitehead torpedo was fired under the surface of the water against the old steamship *Barbarossa*. The torpedo, which was fired at a distance of 400 metres, made such a fearful hole in the starboard side of the vessel as to almost immediately sink her, giving complete satisfaction to the marine authorities.

His Excellency Chau Yeh Bhanuwong-Maha Koso Dhiboti Praklang, the Siamese Ambassador, has had several interviews with the Foreign Office officials, and we understand that the new agreement will be signed about the 10th inst. It is to have already pointed out, however, that this will only be provisional that the Continental Powers accept the same agreement. His Excellency and wife will probably leave a few days after his arrival to proceed to Paris, to commence negotiations with the French Government. Subsequently they will proceed to the Hague, Berlin, and Vienna, and possibly to Rome on similar missions.

With reference to the rumour that the 61st (Gloucestershire) Regiment were to proceed in the autumn to the Straits Settlements, replacing the 3rd Buffs, who proceeded to Hongkong to take the place of the 27th (Inniskillings), ordered to the Cape, we understand that these arrangements were made at the War-office, but in consequence of the disaster in Afghanistan some alteration may possibly take place. We believe at present that under the consideration of the authorities.

In a recent issue we list a part of the new vessel in course of construction for the P. and O. Company aggregating 33,500 tons. The Company has now contracted with Messrs. J. and G. Thomson, of Glasgow, for a vessel of 4,100 tons, and 750-horse power. The vessel, which is to be built at Madras, will be delivered in ten months.

With reference to the Mixed Court at Shanghai, a correspondent points out to us that "if a Japanese who infringes municipal regulations must be tried by his Consul according to Japanese law, it would be difficult to deny the same right to a Chinaman in his own country."

His Excellency the Marquis Teeng, the Chinese Minister and suite, arrived in St. Petersburg on the 30th ult., and negotiations were commenced with the Russian Government on the 3rd inst. The Russian press seems hopeful that matters will be terminated satisfactorily.

His Excellency Yanagisawa Saginomiya, the new Japanese Ambassador to Russia, arrived at St. Petersburg on the 3rd inst., accompanied by his wife and suite. His Excellency Ida, the Minister to the Court at Vienna, has also arrived at his post.

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